

COOL TOOLS

for the 21st century
classroom

Just a few of my favorite things! ☺



Utilize these edu-tech tools to engage students in classroom activities!

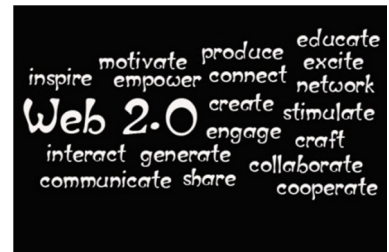
VOKI :)

- ❖ Speaking avatar generator
- ❖ Voki for Education - Includes Teacher's Corner, Tips for Classroom Usage, Lesson Plan Database & Online Community
- ❖ Web site: <http://www.voki.com>



WORDLE :)

- ❖ Word Cloud generator
- ❖ 45 Interesting Ways to Use Wordle in the Classroom
<http://edudemic.com/2010/07/45-interesting-ways-to-use-wordle-in-the-classroom>
- ❖ 52 Ways to Use Wordle in the Classroom
https://docs.google.com/presentation/view?id=dhn2vcv5__151dpbsg9c5
- ❖ "All About Me" Activity
<http://classroom-21.wikispaces.com/All+About+Me+Wordles>
- ❖ Web site: <http://www.wordle.net>



WIKISPACES :)

- ❖ Simple web pages that can be used for classroom projects and collaboration
- ❖ Ad-free Wikispaces for K-12 Educators
- ❖ Educational Benefits, Classroom Uses, Real-World Examples of Classroom Wikis & More
<http://jf20.wikispaces.com/Wikis>
- ❖ jf20's Favorite Educational Wikis & "Getting Wiki With It" Tutorial
<http://jf20.wikispaces.com/Cool+Tools>
- ❖ Endangered Species Project
<http://theburchtree.wikispaces.com/California+Condor+2010>
- ❖ Decade Project
<http://tepblwd.wikispaces.com/Decade+Project+2010-11>
- ❖ Web site: <http://www.wikispaces.com/content/for/teachers>



GLOGSTER :)

- ❖ Combine graphics, photos, videos, music, audio and text to create a great interactive online poster called a "glog"
- ❖ Create a "Virtual Classroom" - complete with 50 student accounts all located in a private and safe web environment that can be monitored directly by the classroom teacher
- ❖ Educational resources, tips and tricks regarding the integration of Glogster into the curriculum
<http://edu.glogster.com>
- ❖ Country Glogs: <http://classroom-21.wikispaces.com/Culture+Glogs>
- ❖ Glogster Presentation Tool & Informational Handout: <http://jf20.wikispaces.com/Cool+Tools>
- ❖ Web site: <http://edu.glogster.com>



ANIMOTO :)

- ❖ Create dynamic presentations incorporating images, video clips, music and text
- ❖ Excellent tool for digital storytelling projects; My personal favorite! ☺
- ❖ Tips for integration into the curriculum
<http://animoto.com/education>
- ❖ BAMS Middle School Tech Kids Examples
<http://jf20.wikispaces.com> (Scroll to "Tech Kids Projects" on left navigation bar. ☺)
- ❖ Web site: <http://animoto.com/education>



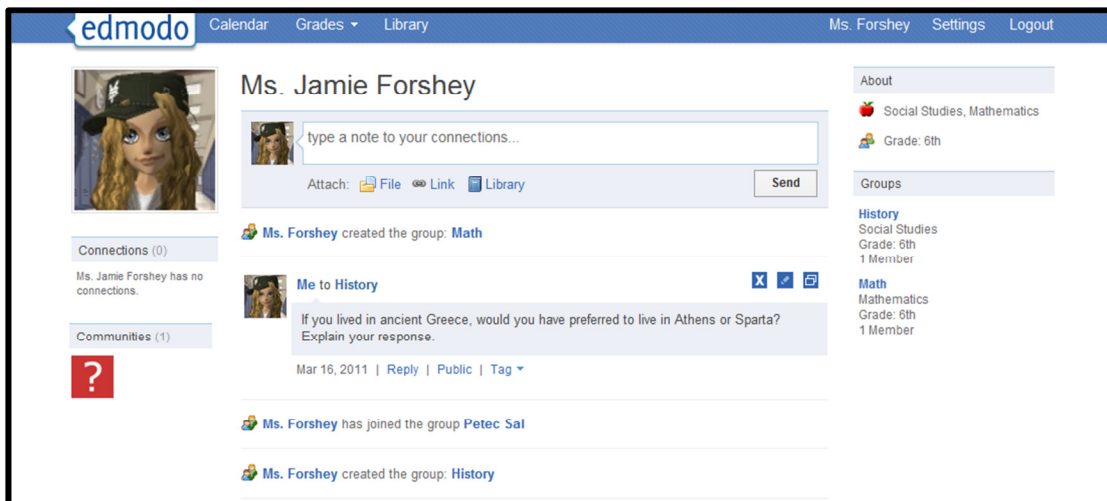
PAPER SLIDE VIDEOS :)

- ❖ Social Studies & Math Examples and Paper Slide Video Project Storyboard Handout
<http://jf20.wikispaces.com/Cool+Tools>

edmodo :)



- ❖ Private and secure communication tool for the classroom
- ❖ Allows teachers and students to collaborate in real-time
- ❖ Web 2.0 environment provides for discussions and polls as well the ability to upload files and links related to discussion topics
- ❖ Student accounts required
- ❖ Mobile apps available
- ❖ Interface similar to social learning network sites such as Facebook and Twitter
- ❖ Web site: <http://www.edmodo.com>

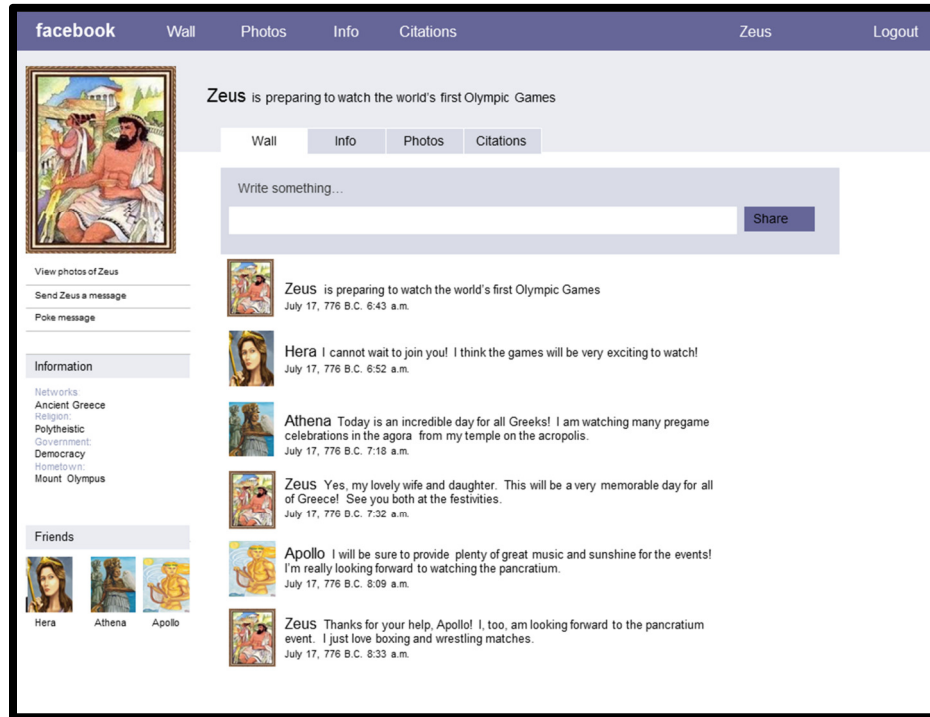


FACEBOOK in THE CLASSROOM :)



- ❖ Get really adventurous by creating a pseudo Facebook Project for your students 😊
- ❖ Suggested topics: Famous Scientists; Planets; Elements; Types of Energy; Rocks & Minerals

Ancient Greece Mythology Example



Entire file/template located at <http://jf20.wikispaces.com/Cool+Tools>

- ❖ Tutorials, online creation tools, templates and samples

<http://historytech.wordpress.com/2009/07/27/abe-lincoln-facebook-twitter-and-teaching-history>

MY FAKEWALL :)

- ❖ Imitation Facebook wall/profile page generator
- ❖ Student accounts required
- ❖ Cautions: Advertisements are present. This site is monitored, but some samples may be inappropriate. Please preview information prior to sharing with students. 😊
- ❖ Web site: <http://www.myfakewall.com>

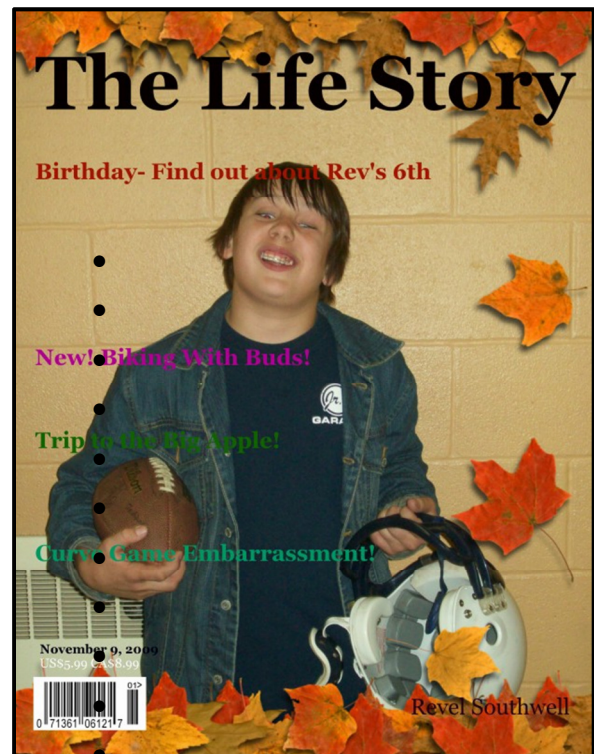
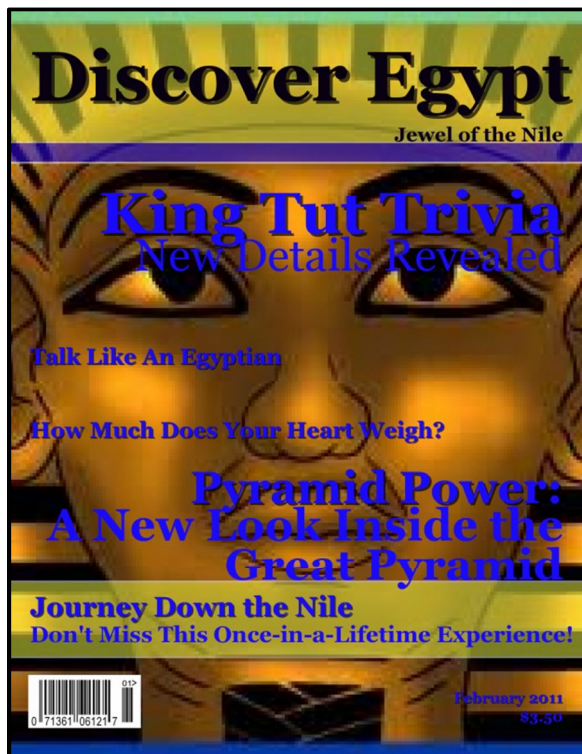


Big HUGE Labs :)

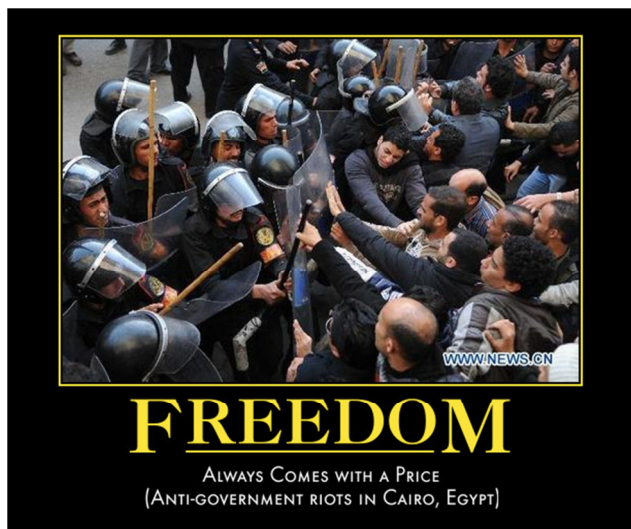
- ❖ Create cool stuff with digital photos
- ❖ Great tool for promoting visual literacy
- ❖ Web site: <http://bighugelabs.com>
- ❖ Classroom Project Ideas:



Magazine Covers



Motivational Posters



Trading Cards

MERCURY RP PD#3



1st planet

- *MERCURY HAS NO MOONS
- *MERCURY HAS GLACIERS
- *IT IS THE SMALLEST PLANET
- *MERCURY LOOKS LIKE THE MOON
- *WRINKLES ON MERCURY ARE CALLED LOBATE SCARPES
- *MINIMUM TEMPURATURE IS -300 DEGREES F
- *NEAREST PLANET

Uranus NJP Pd#4



The 7th Planet

- *Has about 27 moons.
- *Is -357 F on surface
- *Takes 84 years to orbit the sun
- *Takes 17 hrs. 14 min. to spin on it's axis
- *Was the firt planet to be "discovered"
- *Rolls on it's side because of a collision at the begining of the solar system

QR CODES :)

- ❖ Engage students with the latest mobile technology - two-dimensional "quick response" bar codes created by the Japanese in 1994
- ❖ QR codes can connect to a web address, download an mp3, dial a telephone number and/or send a text message
- ❖ QR Code Generators:
 - Kaywa - <http://qrcode.kaywa.com>
 - SnapMaze - <http://www.snapmaze.com>
 - Bee Tagg - <http://www.beetagg.com/en/beetagg-qr-generator>
 - QR Stuff - <http://www.qrstuff.com>
 - ZXing Project - <http://zxing.appspot.com/generator>
 - QR Code Generators Online - <http://2d-code.co.uk/qr-code-generators>



❖ QR Code Apps for Smart Phones:

- 5 QR Code Readers for iPhone - <http://gigaom.com/apple/5-qr-code-readers-for-iphone>
(My personal favorite is quiQR ☺)
- Android: Bee Tagg - <http://get.beetagg.com/en/qr-reader/Android/1528>
- Blackberry: Bee Tagg - <http://get.beetagg.com/en/qr-reader/BlackBerry/1296>

❖ QR Code Readers for Computers:

- QuickMark for PC - <http://www.quickmark.cn/En/basic/downloadPC.asp>
- Desktop QR Code Reader - <http://www.dansl.net/blog/?p=256#tb>
- QR Beam for Mac - <http://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/qrbeam/id421973987?mt=12>

❖ Using QR Codes in Education:

- <http://theohiobloke.edu.glogster.com/qr-codes-in-education>
- <http://www.classroominthecloud.net/2011/06/10-ways-to-use-qr-codes-in-classroom.html>
- <http://itchoisestate.wordpress.com/2011/02/18/10-ways-to-use-qr-codes-in-your-classroom>
- http://livebinders.com/play/play_or_edit/51894
- <http://jamesmichie.com/blog/2010/10/qr-codes-in-education-a-burgeoning-narrative>
- <http://www.youscan.me/blog/how-to/how-qr-codes-can-be-used-in-education>
- <http://www.planet-science.com/categories/parentsteachers/latest-news/2011/07/using-qr-codes-in-education.aspx>

❖ Book Reports - 21st Century Style



Sawyer K.



Abby L.



Ben M.



Stephanie M.

Use your favorite mobile app or visit the following web site to access the book report podcasts:

<http://jf20.podbean.com>

BLABBERIZE :)

- ❖ Create talking pictures - Students love it! ☺
- ❖ Great "Bell Ringer" and/or "Ticket Out the Door"
- ❖ How to Video, Ideas for Classroom Usage, Tutorials -
<http://sites.google.com/site/eslandforeignlanguage/tools/blabberize>
- ❖ Blabberize Cheat Sheet, Video Tutorial & Additional Information -
<http://teachweb2.wikispaces.com/Blabberize>
- ❖ Using Blabberize to Introduce Vocabulary -
<http://www.danville.k12.pa.us/webpages/alowe/blabberize.cfm>
- ❖ Web site: <http://blabberize.com>



TECH TIP OF THE WEEK :)

Tech Tip of the Week - Created to provide teachers with some of the latest and greatest Web 2.0 tools and other technology related web sites and applications that can be integrated into the classroom. In addition to BASD teachers, these "tips" are distributed to instructional technology coaches and teachers in PA, MD and NJ.

Web site: <http://jf20.wikispaces.com/Tech+Tip+of+the+Week>

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